



General Assembly

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**Proposed Bill No. 5640**

LCO No. 2601

Referred to Committee on Human Services

Introduced by:

REP. CHRIST, 11<sup>th</sup> Dist.

**AN ACT CONCERNING INCREASED ACCESS TO THE MEDICAID PROGRAM FOR THE MEDICALLY NEEDY.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 That section 17b-261 of the general statutes be amended to require
- 2 the Commissioner of Social Services, in accordance with existing
- 3 federal law, to file an amendment to the Medicaid state plan that shall
- 4 allow the commissioner, when making Medicaid eligibility
- 5 determinations, to establish and maintain the medically needy income
- 6 limit for persons who are aged, blind or disabled at the same income
- 7 level used to determine eligibility for adults under the HUSKY Plan,
- 8 Part A.

**Statement of Purpose:**

To require the Commissioner of Social Services to exercise existing federal options that permit the use of a less restrictive medically needy income limit when making Medicaid eligibility determinations for persons who are aged, blind or disabled.